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**MAN SENTENCED TO OVER 12 YEARS FOR
CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Christopher A. Wray, Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, announced that yesterday, Robert J. Benjamin, III, 59, of Indianapolis was convicted and sentenced to 151 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton, following his guilty plea to one count each of distribution, receipt and possession of child pornography. This case, which was prosecuted by U.S. Attorney's Office and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the Department of Justice, was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the United States Postal Inspections Service collaborating as the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

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BENJAMIN was charged by information in the Southern District of Indiana with one count each of possession, receipt and distribution of child pornography. Using the Internet and other computer technology, BENJAMIN obtained and traded child pornography, including tens of thousands of picture and movie files depicting prepubescent children lasciviously posed in various stages of undress, engaged in sexually explicit conduct, in bondage, and being sexually assaulted.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. DeBrot and Trial Attorney Myesha K. Braden of the U.S. Department of Justice, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton also imposed upon BENJAMIN a lifetime period of supervised release upon completion of his term of imprisonment. BENJAMIN must also pay \$1,000 in restitution and forfeit four computers and numerous other portable digital storage media.

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